

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A This is a divisional of U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial Number 09/153,793, filed September 15, 1998~~ No. 6,422,994, issued July 23, 2002 in the name of Mamoru KANEKO, Hitoshi UENO, Sakae TAKEHANA, Isami HIRAO, Nobuyuki DOGUCHI, Takeshi OZAWA, Takefumi UESUGI, Katsuichi IMAIZUMI, Yasukazu KOGEN, Makoto TOMIOKA, Tadashi HIRATA and Masahiro KAWAUCHI entitled FLUORESCENT IMAGING DEVICE.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

ad Recently, diagnostic ~~technics~~ techniques have been developed using an endoscope to irradiate tissue to be studied with visible light and to detect resulting fluorescent images which are then analyzed for diagnostic purposes. These ~~technics~~ techniques have been found particularly useful for diagnosing disease conditions such as cancers or tissue degeneration and for highlighting the boundary regions of the conditions under study. These ~~technics~~ techniques are sometimes enhanced by also studying normal light images resulting from reflection of the irradiating visible light (usually white light).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q3 Switching arrangement 42 is controlled by the control circuit 8 in conjunction with switch 7 which allows the operator to select a mode of operation, i.e., white light imaging, fluorescent imaging, or simultaneous white light and fluorescent imaging.